

From The House

Early Voting

By Representative Matt Ritter

As the legislative session began, I was proud to stand with Secretary of the State Merrill, Sen President Looney, Sen. Majority Leader Duff, fellow legislators and advocates to announce a Constitutional Amendment to allow Connecticut voters to vote early, just as voters are allowed to do in at least 37 other states in our country.

Speaker of the House Aresimowicz and I have made a commitment to our Caucus on this...we want to vote early in the session on early voting.

We make it far too difficult to vote in this State...and we heard about this on the campaign trail this past election season. Life happens and people cannot always find time to vote due to work, children, illness and a variety of other every day reasons.

Building and maintaining a vibrant democracy means recognizing that the world has changed - Connecticut's voting laws are based on assumptions that we live the same lives we did in the 1950's or 1960's. We need to provide voters with an election system that recognizes modern lifestyles, integrates new technologies and new ways to deliver services.

So, let's modernize our elections and open the voting booth to *everyone* who is eligible to vote.